Counter-Blockade Of Soviet Ports, U.S. Berlin 'Ace'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Washington Evening Star said Saturday the United States is considering a naval blockade of Russia in the Baltic and Black Sea areas if the Soviet Union cuts off the West's access to Berlin.

"This is one of the measures short of nuclear war this country recognizes it has at its disposal, officials here confirm, if the Soviet Union goes through with its threats to oust the West from Berlin," The Star said.

Meanwhile, informed sources said U.S. military commanders in West Germany have been given secret orders on what to do if Russia or East Germany try to blockade Allied traffic to West Berlin.

They said the United States probably would be willing to let East Germans control access to West Berlin if it was understood they were doing so as agents of the Russians. This was viewed as an interim solution to the Berlin crisis stemming from Soviet threats to give the East Germans full authority and control.

U.S. officials appear to be increasingly optimistic that no early blockade attempt will be made.

Soviet Arms, Technicians Pour into Iraq

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)—Russian tanks, artillery and military technicians are pouring into Iraq for a major expansion of the Iraqi army of Gen. Abdel Karim Kassem, Communist-backed premier of the strategic oil-rich nation.

The Iraqi army is now composed of five divisions. Plans for a new division already have been drawn up. A sixth shipload of Soviet arms arrived recently.

It's a Riot—I'll Buy It

It's a riot, all right, roars Lulu, the star attraction of the Bloomington, Ill., zoo, as she models the bonnet that will make her the darling of the parade and maybe get her in the rotogravure.

Reds Impose Military Rule

Rival Lama Enthroned

TOKYO (AP)—Red China Saturday abolished the Dalai Lama's regime in Tibet, elevated the rival Panchen Lama in his stead, and imposed military rule on the rebellious Himalayan land.

Peiping asserted the revolt that had erupted March 19 was crushed in two days and that 4,000 rebels were captured. But Red China acknowledged that rebel bands are still fighting in various parts of the land of the Lamas. Peiping asserted these bands are being mopped up.

Broadcasts from the capital of Red China said the 23-year-old Dalai Lama had been abducted by the rebels and "under duress" tore up the 1951 treaty with Red China under which he had been allowed to retain nominal rule.

This tended to bear out reports from India and elsewhere that the Dalai Lama had escaped.

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Reasons Tibet Rebelled

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The unrest in Tibet climaxed by the March revolt had its origin in policies adopted by the Chinese Communists in 1954, which Tibetans deemed repressive.

This is according to a picture pieced together from information received by the government here from various sources, including a Lhasa-born Tibetan who left Tibet in January.

The picture he and other informants have given the Nationalist Chinese government is this:

The Chinese Communists entered Tibet in 1950 and earned a good name for themselves. They opened what they called public service stations and made loans to the people. They let the people go their own way.

INTERFERENCE STARTED

But in 1954 their policy changed. They started saying the priests were unproductive and should work. They started indoctrinating the young.

But what roused the bitterest resentment was establishment of common burial grounds, where the bodies of the dead were used as fertilizer.

In 1953 the Communists had started building two highways to Lhasa from China. Between 200,000 and 300,000 men were mobilized for the project, which took three years to complete. Poor food and harsh working conditions caused the deaths of 160,000 to 170,000 of them.

Names in the News

Thousands Greet John D.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.—More than 1,000 friends greeted **Prime Minister** and **Mrs. Diefenbaker** when they stepped off a railway car in his home town yesterday.

Mr. Diefenbaker shook hands with hundreds in an hour-long informal greeting on the station platform. He intends to visit his 86-year-old mother and rest here for two days.

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MOSCOW — **Dag Hammarskjold** yesterday started back to New York after talks with **Premier Khrushchev** which he described as "very useful."

It was believed the German and Berlin crisis came up during his discussions with the Soviet leader.

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LINCOLN, Neb.—**Governor Ralph Brooks** says he has received letters and telegrams by the dozens asking that the life of convicted mass killer Charles Starkweather be spared.

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VANCOUVER — **Lillian Lourmais says** her frogman husband **Louis** plans to swim down the St. Lawrence River behind an icebreaker. She wouldn't comment on her earlier plans to repeat the Fraser River swim made by her husband at Christmas.

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HOLLYWOOD — Actor **Grant Withers**, 55, first husband of **Loretta Young**, took his own life Friday because of despondency over his career and personal life, police said yesterday.

He left this note: "Please forgive me, my family, I was so unhappy. It's better this way. Thanks to all my friends. I'm sorry I let them down."

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VANCOUVER — The burglar who took two old pistols from a home on West Third Avenue can expect no quarter from police court **Magistrate Oscar Orr.** He owns the home.

CHARLES STARKWEATHER

LILLIAN LOURMAIS

STRATFORD, Ont. — Ten of Canada's leading artists, including **Jack Shadbolt** and **Gordon Smith** of Vancouver, have been invited to take part in an exhibition of painting during this year's festival.

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NEW DELHI — The Times of India says **Prime Minister Nehru** has been invited to visit Russia but probably won't accept.

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HOLLYWOOD — Actress **Elizabeth Taylor** has been converted to the Jewish faith. She was formerly a Protestant.

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NEW YORK — Pretty 13-year-old ballerina **Sharon Lerit** got her big chance last night—the role of Cinderella on the **Perry Como** TV show. She wasn't told until after the show that her father, **Sanford Lerit,** died in hospital Friday after a long illness.

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INDIO, Calif.—Actress **Joan Caulfield** is recovering from plastic surgery to repair a cut on the inside of her mouth that she suffered in a head-on auto accident.

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TACOMA, Wash. — **Sharon Glee Gabrio,** 19, who used the name **Cheri** in singing and dancing her way into the finals of a beauty contest, died in hospital Friday from severe anaemia, exactly a week after she won third place in the Miss Tacoma pageant.

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GRIMSBY, England—A 19-year-old youth, who always wanted to be skipper of a trawler but was told he could not because of poor eyesight, is in jail after spending 48 hours alone in the North Sea at the helm of a 50-ton fishing boat.

Said bespectacled **Arthur Bland:** "That proves I can handle the ship singlehanded."

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GETTYSBURG, Pa.—**President Eisenhower** got in nine holes of golf yesterday despite cold, windy weather and a slight delay because he forgot his eyeglasses.

The president, bundled in two heavy wool sweaters, drove practice shots for about 15 minutes while a secret service agent drove back to get the glasses from his farm about three miles away.

'Year of Disaster' Slaughters Birds

NEW YORK (UPI) — The National Audubon Society said yesterday that 1958 was a "year of disaster" for birds of North America.

Freak weather killed many more eastern land birds than usual, the society said.

Hardest hit were the eastern bluebird, the hermit thrush and the phoebe, but the robin, the wren, the cardinals, the various warblers and woodpeckers, the scarlet tanager, the catbird, the song sparrow and other species suffered great losses.

Hurricanes last April in the Gulf of Mexico killed many birds heading northward and a weather freak deprived others of the tailwinds they normally depend on in their northward spring migration. Moreover, the food supply for birds on the northward trek was far below normal because of the cold winter in the southern U.S.A. last year.

Increasing use of insecticides and pesticides on farms also killed many birds, but the freak weather was the big killer.

The report says one favorable year could cause all the affected species to multiply rapidly again.

Uproar at UBC

Paper 'Disgusting'

VANCOUVER (CP) — The editor of the University of British Columbia tri-weekly newspaper Ubyssey has been ordered to appear before the university's faculty discipline committee next week to answer charges that the latest edition of the newspaper was sacrilegious and "disgusting".

Al Forrest was ordered by the committee to appear next Thursday.

The order was issued after the university's student council suspended the entire editorial board and staff of the newspaper from further participation in its publication.

University president Dr. Norman MacKenzie said he thought the edition, published Thursday, was in extremely bad taste.

The suspensions were ordered by the student council after publication of what is known as the "goon edition," the last edition of the year and generally composed of humor and satire.

The objections were centred on three photographs.

One pictured three cheer leaders standing around a totem pole with the caption, "Look at those nail holes in His hands."

A second showed a huge mechanical scoop working on the campus and underneath the words, "The tomb is empty."

The third pictured a girl walking through a field with a flock of chickens following. The caption read, "What have you done with him?"

Peter Meekison, Student Council president, said the newspaper "has gone too far this time."

Mr. Forrest said he did not see the newspaper before it was published and that he personally thought the pictures were "quite strong, and they are not my view of Easter."

A university official said if the persons who produced the edition are not identified the whole staff would probably be fired.

Sixteen students were affected by the Student Council suspension order and a full investigation has been ordered. Discipline to the extent of expulsion from the university is possible.

The Alma Mater Society will put out a special edition next week, apologizing for the "goon edition," and students who contributed articles to the controversial edition will be asked to write apologies.

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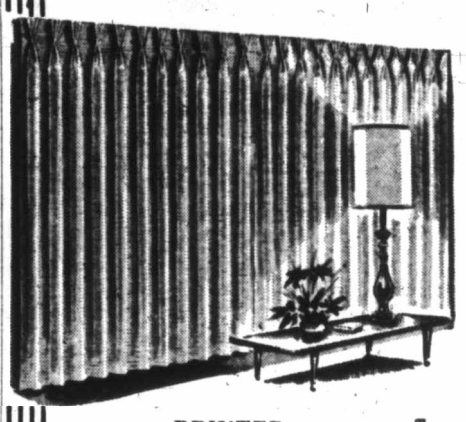

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